

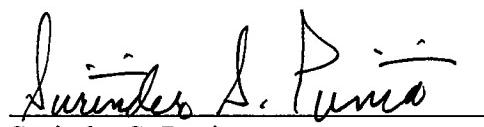
## REMARKS

The Office Action states that the application is subject to restriction between two groups of claims, which are defined as:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a one-step process for preparing an  $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$ -functional siloxane comprising contacting a monohydrosiloxane with oxygen in the presence of a platinum group catalyst, without adding water.
- II. Claims 17-25, drawn to a two-step process for preparing a cationically photopolymerizable siloxane oligomer.

Without acceding to the propriety of the Election/Restriction Requirement and for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the application, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-16), drawn to a one-step process for preparing an  $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$ -functional siloxane. This election is without traverse and without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in related application(s).

Respectfully submitted,



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